



# Friday 26th November 2021

## Achievements

Martin de Porres:  
Reception Class  
stars: Aiden,  
Anthony, Evan

Year 1 Class Stars:  
Joanna, Malachi,  
Alisicja

Year 2 Jacinta:  
Class Star: Reagan  
HTs Awards:  
Amelie-May, Lila

Year 3 John Paul  
II:  
Class Star: Eliza

Year 4 Faustyna:  
Class Star: Kiyon

Year 5 Teresa:  
Class star: Kealan

Year 6 Drexel  
Class stars: Zahra

## This week:

For me, the highlight of the week was Monday's climate change protest. When we planned this whole-school topic, I wanted to end it with a bang - with something that the children would remember. The idea of our kids holding their own protest was ambitious and exciting, but I didn't know how it would be received by parents. I would have absolutely understood if some had wanted to withdraw their child/ren. However, I was overwhelmed by the support we received. The feedback from the children was fantastic. They loved having a mini-trip, doing something out of the ordinary and feeling like their voices were important and heard.

On Thursday Year 6 Drexel received their Leavers' Hoodies. A time-honoured rite of passage, it is lovely to see them proudly parading around the school in royal purple! Thank you to the PTA for funding their purchase.

All around the school, borders and prayer cloths are being changed to purple, wreaths are being put up and Nativity scenes displayed. These are the visible signs that we are entering a new liturgical season. This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the start of the liturgical year. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. On Monday, we will be lighting the first candle on our Advent Wreaths, the Prophets' Candle, symbolising hope.

We will be collecting for our 'Reverse Advent Calendar' until the end of term. Rather than receiving something each day (such as a chocolate in their Advent Calendar), we would like the children to give something to those who are struggling. Details of the request for each day have already been sent out. However, please note that you are welcome to send items for any box, on any day. Last year we were overwhelmed by your generosity - I am sure this year will be no different.

Next week we celebrate the Independence Days of Albania, Barbados and Romania. It is also St Andrew's Day, an important feast for the Scottish. Please don't forget to send your child in wearing national colours, with a flag, or food to share, if you would like to mark their heritage.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing weekend.

God bless,

Ms Kane

Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on fire.



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This week in the Martin de Porres unit, we have been learning about all things Little Red Riding Hood! We have been role playing the story, and sequencing it using short sentences. In Science, we investigated different materials to find a suitable one for Little Red's new coat. In Maths, we have been exploring bigger numbers and deciding if they are greater than, less than or equal to one another. In RE, we started our new Advent topic. We talked about Jesus' birthday and how we celebrate birthdays, and we discussed the meaning of Advent and what we do to prepare for Christmas while we wait.

Our peaceful protest was the first sign of the exciting week we had ahead of us. From working hard at measurements of length, writing instructions on fire safety to comparing London now to London past, Jacinta were bursting with ideas! Before saying goodbye to the Watford FC Stars coaches, they showed off their invasion and collaboration skills. They showed resilience, embracing change and working hard with different adults, throughout the week. In RE, their reflections on our Laudato Si & COP26 topic showed how much the children had learnt and their determination to be good Stewards of Creation making a difference in our world - there is hope for our Common Home. Very proud of you, Jacinta!

In Year 3 we began to look at 2D and 3D shapes. We have learnt a range of new vocabulary such as vertices, apex and we are starting to discuss angles, This was tricky stuff but we were resilient and persevered! In our English, we have continued developing our use of inverted commas to punctuate speech correctly. We came up with a silly rhyme to help us to remember the steps to success. We have started a new unit in RE this week, discussing visitors and how to make people feel welcome. We then looked at the symbolism involved in the Jesse tree and what the ornaments meant. We have now designed our own ornaments - we can't wait to make these!

This week in Year 4 we continued our work on bar charts in Maths. We can now draw them and interpret information in them too! In English, we wrote our play scripts in our Published pieces books. Later in the week, we then looked at using both noun phrases and prepositions in our work. The protest on Monday was a clear highlight of the week. It was fantastic to see the children being passionate about Climate Change and understanding the need for us to act sooner rather than later. We began our Advent unit in RE by thinking about the importance of friendship and the difficulties that we sometimes have to face with our friends. We loved looking at optical illusions in our Art lessons and learnt how to interpret and create our own food chains in Science.

Year 5 has had a week full of new learning! We began the week with a peaceful protest on Monday which was a huge success. The children were passionate about the issue and made their own placards to bring about awareness. We loved the support we got from the passing drivers who beeped in support of the protest. In English, we learnt about the use of commas and dashes in parenthesis and also learnt about the use of idioms. We looked at some common idioms and tried to figure out their meanings and put them into sentences. In RE, we finished our unit on Laudato Si and we wrote persuasive letters to the DOWAT to bring about small and necessary changes in all their schools to help tackle climate change and save our common home. We then ended the unit with a collective worship in the chapel. In Maths too, we learnt something new. We learnt how to measure angles using a protractor and enjoyed our lesson estimating and measuring angles. Lots of new exciting learning this week!

In Year 6 this week, we drafted letters to our local MP, Dean Russell, and the Watford Mayor, Peter Taylor, explaining all about climate change, why we should look after the planet and what they could do in their own lives and in their jobs to help combat the problem. This was a great way to finish our COP26 and Laudato Si RE unit. Our letters were then typed up using the chromebooks and will be printed and sent out next week! In Maths, we began looking at 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. We were very excited to get our hoodies on Thursday this week! Our colour this year is purple, and have arrived just in time for Advent!